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24 July 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 24 July 1968

DD/I briefed on the results of the [] SR-71 mission over North Vietnam, noting the sighting of twenty-three MIG-21's (a new high), a record number of merchant ships in Haiphong harbor, and indications that the amount of cargo in open storage has decreased.

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DD/I provided an assessment of the Andreas Papandreou article in last Sunday's New York Times magazine, pointing out that it is basically a rehash of old canards. (See Action 1)

Godfrey pointed out that the Soviet Politburo and the Czech Presidium have been out of sight for the last twenty-four hours and underscored that, if the Czechs are adroit, they have sufficient flexibility to strike a bargain with the Soviets without compromising their basic position.

Godfrey alerted that the Malaysia-Philippines face-off may be inching out of hand, and the Director requested a brief note with an appropriately marked map of Sabah for use at today's White House luncheon.

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D/ONE reported that the detection of infiltration Estimate was wrapped up yesterday in preparation for its being placed on tomorrow's USIB agenda.

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George Allen for Carver advised that the paper on Hanoi's current intentions is moving forward.

Maury reported that the House Appropriations Committee apparently has not marked the cut made in the DOD budget, thereby leaving it to DOD to determine what part of its cut will be absorbed by NSA. The Director asked Maury to check with Russ Blandford to ensure that this is indeed the situation.

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DD/S&T drew attention to a report prepared by OSI on the looming locust invasion which could affect as many as forty-five countries. The Director indicated that he will send a copy to Secretary Freeman.

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DD/P advised that we have obtained a copy of a secret circular letter sent by the CPSU to world Communist Parties after the 13 July Soviet Politburo meeting.

Executive Director reported that the Office of Personnel has completed the formidable task of incorporating fringe benefits into the contracts of U. S. contract employees, which involved the rewriting of [] contracts in Headquarters and [] in the field and the writing of [] new contracts.

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The Director briefed on his discussion yesterday with Senator Ervin, noting that whatever tension existed appears to have been defused. (See Action 2)

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ACTIONS:

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2. The Director asked Houston to prepare a legal brief on the kinds of problems which S. 1035 could pose for the Agency with a view toward providing Senator Ervin the brief and the opportunity for discussion with Houston after Congress reconvenes following the political conventions.

L. K. White

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